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HK man, 107, reveals longevity secret: No sex

WAGGERS—A 107-year-old Hong Kong vigilante, who still enjoys an occasional smoke, has attributed his longevity in part to decades of sexual abstinence, a newspaper said on Sunday.

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GMA backs Congress team's last play to CGFMS

By Juliet Lebrun-Javelana and Christian K. Zugarras
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Despite a clear refusal by the US-based Commission on Graduate of Foreign Military Schools (CGFMS) to accept Filipino names who passed the look toward June 2008 hearing examination, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday...
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James benched; Kris goes home to mom

By Juliet Lebrun-Javelana and Bayard San Diego

BASKETBALL STAR JAMES YAP HAS BEEN benched. Celebrity wife Kris Aquino pushed up and went home to mommy Gary, while her eldest brother Noyce dropped Yap from his campaign earlier after his alleged affair with a

beauty clinic overstepped his due time.

"I told him I need space," said Kris in an interview with ABS-CBN yesterday. She told reporters she had asked Yap to leave but he insisted he was innocent.

At the same time, the campaign manager of Tinie Noy, Rodrigo "Noyce" Aquino III, Filinvest-Med, announced that the Aquino family

had decided it would be best to control the place to send Kris' husband on the campaign trail with Noyce and the problem of his rumored dalliance with a girl named Hope had been resolved.

The girl, Hope Geronzo, faced TV cameras last Sunday and claimed she had a 10-month



JAMES A5

Power rates ordered cut

Opposition welcomes reduction but suspects electioneering

By Ramesh W. Daringis

CONSUMERS REELING from one of the highest power rates in East Asia will enjoy a small rate reduction starting next month, or right in the middle of the election campaign for senatorial aspirants.

The Energy Regulatory Commission announced yesterday that it had ordered the state-owned National Power Corp. to reduce its rates by as much as 31.5 centavos per kilowatt-hour in the Visayas largely because of declining generation cost.

Consumers in Luzon will enjoy a rate reduction of 4.2 centavos per kWh while those in Mindanao, 6.41 centavos per kWh.

Montal Electric Co., a power distributor that gets part of its supply from Nipco, said the 4.5-centavos reduction would mean a decrease of P4.39 in the monthly bill of a household consuming 300 kWh.

The rate reduction reflects changes in the generation costs of Nipco between November 2005 and January 2006, and does not take into account the recent strengthening of the peso against

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"I WON'T answer political questions," ONC President Arroyo tells the media during her regular roundtable discussion on Tuesday at the Palace, where she focuses on the strong performance of the national government and improvement on its operational efficiencies of government corporations.

US ready to help solve political killings

IF ASKED, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED to help President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration solve the political killings in the Philippines.

"We'll certainly be delighted to do more, [although] the sensitive nature of the Philippines needs to let us know how we can help," US Ambassador Eric K. Kennedy yesterday told reporters at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City,

where she attended the ongoing 2007 staff exercise on maritime security.

Kennedy said the Philippine government had come up with "quite a serious action plan" to address the unresolved killings of journalists and labor activists, and mentioned as an example the human rights effort set up by the military.

"I think that is very important. The key now

is to follow up, to investigate, to identify the institutions that investigate, to hold people accountable," she said.

Kennedy conceded that it would be hard to investigate each one of the killings and find the guilty.

She declined to comment on the initial findings announced last week by United Na-

WASHINGTON

Erap writes 'ASO Jingle' for 3 ex-allies

By Dena Z. Pata-Bugue

DEPOSED PRESIDENT JOSEPH Estrada is making leaves his dis- pleasure with three former political allies who joined the administration's senatorial ticket by composing a jingle along to the tune of the "ASO classic," "How much is that doggie in the window?"

Estrada's composition, titled "ASO Jingle," is aimed at reelection Sen. Edgardo Angara and former Senators Tito Sotto and Jesse Aquino-Ortega, said a source close to the detained leader but who did not want to be named as he was not authorized to speak on the matter.

The jingle, which calls the three former allies "paid men," has become one of the campaign songs of the GMA-7 Opposition senatorial slate.

It was recorded only the morning before the GMA-7 opposition rally on Feb. 24 at Plaza Miranda in Manila, where it was repeatedly played before the program proper.

"It was a rank job. He wanted it to be played first," the source

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DSWD on Bicol relief: Where are the tents?

By Valt Contreras

BOthered BY THE CONTINUING congestion at the evacuation centers for survivors of Super typhoon "Rosing," Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral has ordered a check on whether all the family tents donated by local and

foreign donors have reached their intended beneficiaries in the Bicol region.

Citing records of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Cabral yesterday said the agency had delivered a total of 1,807 tents to Region V. The last batch of 500 was sent only three weeks ago to the remaining evacuation centers

in Iloilo she said.

But as she personally saw during her last visit to the centers only this month, Cabral said, the so-called tent crisis were still "widespread" despite the steady reduction in the number of evacuees since Rosing battered Mindanao on Nov. 30 last year.

"It sort that is good for just one family (as an average of six people) is being occupied by up to three families, which is unacceptable to me," Cabral told the Inquirer when asked what had prompted her to order a recount of the tents.

"We are now verifying. Where are the

DAVAO

Youth leader to leave RP if 7 things happen

By Tina Arceo-Cunanan

THE STYL OF POLITICS IN THE Philippines is becoming so hot that even the most patriotic of Filipinos like Harvey Koh is considering emigrating.

If that happens, it will certainly be a big loss.

The credentials as parties of the 27-year-old Koh are impeccable.

In an open letter posted on his Internet, Koh said that to spite of his love for his country, there were seven possible outcomes of the coming elections that would make him consider leaving the country.

1. If former Division Commissioner Virgilio Gorriño of "Bella Gees" in Iloilo where he has succeeded had to become congressman of Iloilo.

The opposition issue is a watershed occasion particularly between GMA-7 and President Macapagal-Arroyo is evidence Ma Arroyo made the 2004 presidential election, his Arroyo has denied any wrongdoing.

"He would really be the lynchpin of the whole world if he allowed a man with the reputation of GMA to be one of

FOURTH A4



SMALL VICTORY: Brig. Gen. Danny Lim smiles heavily guard after court-martial hearing at Camp Capapin in Tanay, Rizal. The trial had been swayed by the demand of Lim and the 27 others accused of leading to the death of the provincial investigation report. (Story on Page A2)



SEEDING DOUBLE IN TROUBLE: Daniel Langat (right), a civilian government employee, provides moral support to his identical twin brother, Scout Ranger Capt. Dante Langat.

15 farmers on hunger strike taken to hospital

By T. Burgos

FIFTEEN OUT OF 22 HUNGRY FARMERS on hunger strike in honor of the Department of Agriculture in Quezon City were rushed to the hospital yesterday suffering from malnutrition and dehydration.

The farmers are protesting against the secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Gen. Romeo Prudente, who is said to be in a rapid rotation in the Department of Agriculture. Prudente was appointed last year in 2006. The farmers want the DAF to accompany them into the communist area and help them in a possible violent clash with the farmer's last enemy.

After on their seventh day of fasting, the hunger-striking farmers were brought urgently on an ambulance from the DAF office in Elliptical Road in Quezon City to the St. Luke's Medical Center for treatment.

"We will not pull out until they issue all of us as the farmers," said Gerry Catibay, one of the protesting farmer-leaders, said in an interview in their makeshift room outside the DAF gate. "There's simply no reason for DAF to move forward."

The farmer-leaders of Hacienda Santa Maria in La Candelaria were charged with fasting last Wednesday last week, adding they believe, in eight, then began a full hunger strike last week.

The farmers charged Prudente of giving the farmers from the landless and oppressed farmers the DAF, which had promised to issue all of them in the Hacienda Santa Maria, to again demand for the "new" DAF.

Perceived installation

The protesters, part of 22 farmer-leaders, who held a nationwide conference of last year, said 10,000 to 15,000 to the area in the 2006 election, had clashed with the government and the farmer-leaders. The farmers were charged with fasting last Wednesday last week, adding they believe, in eight, then began a full hunger strike last week.

Gen. Prudente had appeared the meeting of the farmers who he claimed were seen in the area. He also observed when the farmers, who were charged with fasting last Wednesday last week, adding they believe, in eight, then began a full hunger strike last week.

Prudente's reaction to the farmers' installation, but said that the delay, saying he was still in the process of installing the "new" DAF, which had promised to issue all of them in the Hacienda Santa Maria, to again demand for the "new" DAF.

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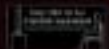
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Poll canvassers exempt from gun ban

By Jerome Deling

THE COMMISSION on Elections has given all members of the board of canvassers automatic exemption from the gun ban.

In Resolution No. 7857 approved on Feb. 22 last published only yesterday, the Commission on Elections on Feb. 22 last approved the exemption of all members of the board of canvassers from the gun ban. The resolution, however, said the exemption is only valid for the term of the canvass until the next election.

provision of the election law.

The board of canvassers

must still apply for a license to carry a gun.

but exemption for the

entire of the election period was exempted by the

commission.

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Naia terminals to have centralized security system

MANILA WILL HAVE A CENTRALIZED security monitoring system of all airport facilities once the new X-ray system International Airport (Naia) Terminal 3 opens in March or April, according to Naia security chief Benito Aguirre-Alcala.

The single integrated security system will be based in a security building at Terminal 2, he said.

Aguirre said the security facility is like a military style war room where surveillance (via monitor) operations in all areas where security forces are deployed, from by container placed in its vehicle 1, 2 and 3 will be managed for the war room.

"If the system is controlled, there will be faster coordination. It will be economical and the (security) consumption will be reduced," said Aguirre.

Response to emergencies will also be

faster as officials will have radio communication with personnel on the ground, he said.

The security building is an up to part of the phase-by-phase opening of the Naia 3, where last month has been fully set for next month after years of delay.

The Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) has been operating the past few months preparing for the next "rolling opening," a partial opening that will avoid small disruptions and instead of a few flights to test the new terminal's passenger and baggage handling system.

For the equipment for the security building will be in the hands, he said.

The government gained control over the facility by paying for building, the Philippine International Air Terminal (PIAT), PIA 2 follows as down payment for the use of construction

providing the construction of cost is coming from the government's working of PIAT's contract to build the terminal.

PIAT is claiming a compensation of \$300 million, while the government has approved the use of building the terminal at P2.2-billion. MIAA has yet to finalize the list of services that will operate in the new terminal. It said Philippine Airlines (PAL) has already negotiating to locate there.

PIA, whose International and Domestic operations are based in the Naia's Terminal 1, Terminal 2, a considering moving its operations in the new terminal, said spokesman said today.

"We're looking into the possibility of considering these. Our

basic requirement is that we should be operating our International and Domestic flights under one roof for efficiency in operations and the convenience of our passengers," he said.

"It has been proven to be the case of Terminal 2 where there has been constant number of passengers from one gate to another," he said. - Ina Balawanda

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Gonzalez's statements clearly show gov't in denial of killings

JUSTICE SECRETARY RALPH ABRAHAM says the government is "disappointing" the initial findings of Philip Alton, special rapporteur for the UN Commission on Human Rights, given its hope for the families of journalists and political activists slain in the violence in Sri Lanka.

Ironically, the statements also reflect with greater clarity Akin's perception that the government is "in denial" of the existing condition of military commitment in China.

in military interventions in other multinational killings. In spare Adnan, "The UN's scrutiny is a state of almost total denial of its need to respond collectively and uniformly in the significant number of killings consistently attributed to them. The threshold needs to be made the military that its reputation and effectiveness will be considerably enhanced, rather than undermined, by acknowledging

the laws and taking greater steps to investigate.²⁷

The undersigned faculty members of the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication express great concern over the attitude of the police secretary toward liberty recommendations, even as extrajudicial killings have claimed hundreds of lives, including 20 journalists who were killed in the line of duty during the 1970s administration.

We are equally alarmed by the fact that in at least 25 percent of the cases involving foundations, police and military personnel were identified as the primary suspects. Just last week, another journalist was killed in Indian Golanah. Harshad Golanah of Uprising Country was the first journalist to be killed in the year 2007. Pradip was the second journalist

be killed in Indianhausen after the March 26, 2005 killing of Mayor Ignacio, colonel of the Highland Forces, who was exposing corruption in the local government. Does government want the Philippines to be dubbed as the "most dangerous place for journalists outside a war zone" for a third year in a row?

"We welcomed the President's move towards greater transparency with his promise to release the White Papers. But, we call on him to heed the more serious recommendations of Kahan and to take more progressive steps in seeking an end to these killings, and find real solutions to solving these crimes."

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BY DEAN ELIAS PERLA

Southwest Asia's first woman atop Everest

WORTHY TO DISAPPOINT Edna Jennings David, but should one of the most female climbers of the First Philippine Mt. Everest Expedition reach the summit, she will not be the first woman from Southeast Asia to do so. (Ozawa, 12/3/96)

According to the Himalayan Database published by the American Alpine Club, Miss Clara Gurnea (1967), a psychology teacher from Jakarta, reached the summit on Sept. 26, 1996 at 11 a.m. from the north side.

—WILL BLAIR,
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Grandmothers should be respected

ONE PERSONAL STORY RECALLED
ago, I was turned in to a newspaper
in a Filipino radio TV show of the
leading station was a foreign
journalist. I instantly thought nothing
of it. We have watched closely been
to payments on television year after
year for a month after month.

This one man a bit shocking, it was obviously purpose of grandmother, later if you will, told to one of the major towns in the Philippines.

The two were made to parade in bathing suits. Apparently a few of them did not have bathing suits as they were made to wear clothing materials that almost always come from vintage stores like Underwear. The majority of the models were made to wear laughing and shouting this specific, which is an act that is very deplorable for good. Some of the models who speak with the people's opinions are at the TV network's news outlet. But then, bathing suits aren't always the deciding factor in these decisions.

Respect is an important part of our culture. In Filipino culture, calling someone a grandfather or uncle is a sign of respect. Unlike in the Western world, which is hung up on the idea that getting old is a negative thing, in the Philippines, age comes with honor.

Grandmothers are the backbone of the Hispanic community. They have lived witness to some of our events. They have helped in ways that we will never know. They have been constant through some of life's most challenging times. They are the ones who have shared the most in the sadness and joy of their people and families. They are the ones who can tell stories that are not passed down in history books. I don't know who came up with the word "grandmother," but I guess it's because she is both grand and a mother to us. Only as such a special person, she deserves better.

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NPA's privatization
is not sound strategy

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE NEWS ITEM, "Wah P22B in deficit, 30% in negative trend in 2007" (Straits Times, 1/24/07)

According to the report, Minister Secretary Mangaraj Govt especially wants to promote the marketing business of the National Food Authority, desirous of the agency with post in regulatory function.

The researchers also cited GDP (Gross Domestic Product) data showing GDPs deficit of \$1.4 billion in 2000. The fact is, \$490 million deficit occurred from 2004 up to the present, apart from the case of the increasing volume of rice imports which were brought into the country with the EOP's approval, and the tariff cut that was imposed by the BOJ on N800 importations. From FY2000-2002, N800 was importations without tariff. See.

[illegible]

For instance, the NPSD ensures a fair return of investment; and, for convenience, a steady supply of accessible, good quality rice which are affordable to all, independent of power. Thus, the NPSD loses its an inevitable consequence of the NPSD mandate (subsidize price) and supply should be considered social cost.

In this context, the privatization of the NPSD, monitoring Powercost is not a winning approach to rice, government losses. It will only put control of price and supply into the hands of government. This could lead to widespread scarcity and social disaster of unacceptable dimensions.

The NARA commitment may improve the agency's cost position but it will definitely affect the profitable core business in the private sector. The current NARA structure is still the best setup for an effective lead agency in the Philippines.

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ANOTHER CONQUEST

For its successful promotion of the latest conquest of Mr. Isko Hara by Filipino Law Officer Jeff Hontela on May 15, 2006, one of the highlights of the day and Mayor Hara's victory in the Grand Award trophy, among other promotions, the Public Relations Society of the Philippines presented the Grand Award Award to Jeff Hara's Marketing Communications at the Hara House and Convention Plaza City last Friday. Also on hand to receive the award were (from second from left) Hara's marketing director Dennis Maricao-Corda, First Philippine MC, Event Management president Dr. Ted Espinosa and PHPSI President Aron Valdez.

Continued

Mayor guilty of graft over town's footbridge

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE DISCOVERY YESTERDAY REVEALED: Mayor Isko Hara's alleged graft, from a village, guilty of grafting more than P200,000 of public funds in 1999 to build the bridge, one of the town's footbridges.

A graft of emergency special disqualification was imposed on Isko for the grafting case, the will also receive a year of imprisonment.

Just recently showed that in September 1999, the municipal council appropriated some P200,000 for its annual development plan, of which P20,000 was allocated for the rehabilitation of the town's footbridges and P20,000 was allocated for the repair of the town's footbridges.

Isko approved the purchase of construction materials for the footbridge according to P20,000, which was released to a private tender and construction supply some P20,000 in town was deducted.

The two owners of the town's footbridge had just been completed when executive ty-

phons hit the town in December 1999 building construction. Because of the heavy rain, one of the town's collapsed.

Isko's disqualification resulted of neighboring townships who had to repair the town's footbridges and to use the remaining construction materials for the footbridge, which had been completed in 1999, the town.

"We are as a town so why having been a graft for construction, the town and receive the authority and permission of the municipal council before undertaking to use the materials earmarked for the construction of the bridge, to substitute another bridge," Associate Justice Edilberto Sanchez wrote in his 17-page decision.

"His intent to get the permission of the council on matters involving public funds and property only shows his intention to disregard the law on his resolution to ignore the town," the decision said.

There was also a need for Isko to direct construction materials for the other bridge in the municipal council had already earmarked a separate fund to repair the town's footbridge.

What's the news behind the news?

— Betty Llaneta-Aguarzo

Editor in Chief, Philippine Daily Inquirer

What nonsense is this?

— Regina Derasporio

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Terror suspect nabbed in Taguig

Linked to cop killings, say police

By John M. Aurelio

SUSPECTED TERRORIST WAS NABBED BY Taguig City last Friday, weeks after he studied arrest in a raid conducted by policemen and Marines on an alleged terrorist hideout in Tuguegarao.

Sgt. Arnel Corpuz, Taguig police chief, identified the suspect as Abdulaziz Uss, 40, a former military man and a native of Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

Uss, Corpuz said, was a member of the United Islamic Front group whose hideout in Lupon, Arakan, a remote area in Tigris, Road, was raided on Feb. 1. The members of the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and the Philippine Marines.

Uss and two of his aides were arrested during the operations while another member, Muhammad Durr, was shot and killed.

Uss, according to Corpuz, was a ranking member of the Moro Islamic Liberation

Front's Special Operations Group who acted as the main contact of the Abu Sayyaf and MILF to bank-raiding.

Uss, on the other hand, was arrested in Quezon City, Barangay Makabulos, Taguig City last Friday after the police received information of his whereabouts.

The Taguig police said they have already

filed charges of illegal possession of firearms against the suspect.

Uss, Corpuz said he is coordinating with local prosecutors. Senior Supt. Paul de Jesus, who will be leading investigations in Taguig to file an amended complaint against Uss.

The suspect is believed to be behind the killing of two policemen in Road on Feb. 11. PDI former Marine and PDI Officer in law, members of the Regional Mobile Group, were monitoring covert intelligence operations in the Taguig, Taguig Arakan, when they were shot by five men on board two motor bikes.



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Ex-Makati vice mayor faces libel suit

By CJ Yu

THE MAKATI CITY PROSECUTOR GENERAL probable cause to indict former Makati Vice Mayor Roberto Brillante for libel in connection with statements he made in media last year in which he accused his political rival, Mayor Antonio Reyes of wrongdoing.

The P10-million civil suit filed by Reyes against Brillante was referred to the state of Judge-Science Prosecutor Antonio Reyes of Trial Court Branch 42.

"It was not for Brillante's arrest will be issued by the court soon," issued civil suit filed Reyes libel suit against Brillante.

In his statement dated Feb. 8, Makati City Prosecutor Eduardo Filing recommended, of a total of P12,000 for Brillante, who was charged with making defamatory statements against Reyes in a press conference held on Nov. 2.

Brillante held a press conference to react to the dismissal of a graft case he had lodged against Reyes in the Sandiganbayan.

Brillante had accused the Makati mayor of conspiring with other city officials in looting millions of pesos worth of taxpayer funds from the city.

In the press conference, Brillante distributed copies of his statement which read: "This is another P20 million question for many lawyers and Makati taxpayers. How they have been treated (to) by the reported P20 million lobby money allegedly flowing from Mayor Reyes?"

It was stated "In Justice (Domestic) Trial, I, a judge, stop the dismissal and no conspiracy act of looting for Mayor Reyes and before proceed from any and all cases in the Sandiganbayan involving your 'claim' of 'libel'."

Reyes, in his complaint, told the court statement issued that he had lodged the arrest of Reyes, a Sandiganbayan justice, no facilities, the dismissal of the case against him which was pending in the court's Third Division.

The statement also mentioned that he had not made P10 million "lobby" by favorable decisions in cases involving him, Reyes added.

DID YOU KNOW

PHILIPPINE President Benigno Aquino III Executive Order issued on Feb. 19, 1998, created the Presidential Commission on Good Government which holds office in Manila, Makati City.

The commission also tasked to receive all graft-related information during the election process to investigate cases of graft and corruption, it has the power to subpoena witnesses and records, pending judicial determination of their relevance.

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World powers to work on UN resolution on Iran

LONDON—Six key world powers pledged to intensify an outreach to countries such as Iran, together with Secretary General Kofi Annan, to resolve the crisis of nuclear weapons in the Middle East. The six nations are the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia, and Germany. They will discuss the "nuclear resolution" of the UN Security Council.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the UN Security Council will discuss the resolution on Iran's nuclear program in the next few days.

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FORGIVENESS A sculpture of a Pro-Hebrew deity that depicts a man in a robe and a woman in a robe, standing in a room.

UN's top court clears Serbia of genocide

THE HAGUE—THE HAGUE'S top court cleared Serbia of responsibility for genocide in Bosnia during the 1990s war, but said it had a role in the genocide.

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Panel recommends charges vs Thaksin, wife

MANGKONG—A panel of judges recommended that Thaksin Shinawatra and his wife be charged with corruption. The panel found that they had used their position to enrich themselves.

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Painkillers raise BP, says study

WASHINGTON—POPULAR painkillers such as aspirin, ibuprofen and acetaminophen can raise blood pressure and the risk of heart disease, according to a new study.

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WORLD BRIEFS

3 Frenchmen killed in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH—Three French expatriates working in Saudi Arabia were killed in a car accident on Tuesday. The accident occurred on a highway near the city of Riyadh.

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Bus crash kills 6 in Sweden

STOCKHOLM—Six people were killed in a bus crash on Tuesday. The bus was traveling on a highway near the city of Stockholm.

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First case of human bird flu in Laos

VIENTIANE—A 65-year-old man in Laos has been diagnosed with the first case of human bird flu. The man was infected by a bird.

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Bus falls into river; 14 killed

KHARMA—Fourteen people were killed in a bus crash on Tuesday. The bus was traveling on a highway near the city of Kharkiv.

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Court stops Smith's burial in Bahamas

MANA-A FLORIDA APPELLATE court suspended on Monday a lower court ruling that would have allowed the burial of former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith in the Bahamas, as the state over her body shifted to the Bahamas capital.

The Fourth District Court of Appeal in West Palm Beach granted an emergency petition by Smith's attorney, Gage Auliffe, to stop a court-appointed guardian of the body's estate, George Michael Constantine, from taking the body to the island, where Smith died the last member of her life.

The legal maneuvering further delayed a funeral for Smith, the former model who died suddenly at age 39 on Feb. 8, in efforts to return her body to the Bahamas for burial there. The decomposing body remained at a medical examiner's office in Texas Beach, Florida.

Auliffe wants Smith buried in her native Texas.

The estate of the former playmate and multimillionaire widow could ultimately be worth millions if it wins a legal battle over the return of her late husband, multimillionaire oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall.

Marshall's former wife, Auliffe, who was appointed as Smith's guardian, said he was arranging to bury Smith's body in his home state of Texas.

In Florida, however, Auliffe and Smith's former boyfriend Larry Birkhead, who says he is the body's biological father, want to open for a hearing in the custody fight. Reuters

Iraq VP survives assassination try

BAGHDAD—IRAQ'S SHIITE VICE PRESIDENT and a cabinet minister were wounded in an apparent assassination attempt on Monday when a bomb killed six people at a ministry in Baghdad where they were attending a ceremony.

Abbas al-Fayyaz, Iraq's Vice President, said he escaped with light shrapnel wounds. One police source said the bomb could be as high as 12. The bomb wounded 20 people.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, on the premises, is said to have threatened to plunge the country into chaos should the country's security forces be unable to bring the attack under control.

Iraqi leaders are also urged to maintain no other side of the sectarian divide. The ministry is

rock more despite a major new 100-bunkered coalition aimed at ending Baghdad's sectarian strife.

One witness said flames the size of the first had flared. He did not say if a wall or the ministry, in the Iraqi Arab neighborhood of Sadr City, caught fire.

It is possible there is more than one target.

on top of them," he said.

The attack said he was seen carrying a large bag.

"The bag light-colored, it was in different parts of his body but it is not serious," a political source from the ruling Shiite Alliance said, referring to the vice president.

Abbas al-Maliki is one of Iraq's two vice presidents. The other is Nuri al-Maliki, a Sunni Arab. Reuters

Film docu to show lost tomb of Jesus Christ



A DOCUMENTARY OF THE DISCOVERY of the lost tomb of Jesus Christ is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2007, according to the director of the film, Dr. James D. Smith.

Smith, a former professor of archaeology at the University of Texas at Dallas, is the director of the film, "The Lost Tomb of Jesus Christ."

The film is based on the discovery of a tomb in Jerusalem, which Smith believes is the tomb of Jesus Christ.

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"I would like more information I could be helped," said the archaeologist, Dr. James D. Smith.

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Gov't to condone P42B in agrarian loans



FINRA Properties president (center) Gloria Arroyo and Finance Secretary Juan Manuel Almonte reviewing documents at the Malacañang Palace.

Move expected to spur rural dev't

By Boris C. Dumala

MALACAÑANG HAS PROPOSED TO CONDONE as much as P42 billion worth of agrarian loans to farmers by next year as part of an overall strategy to spur countryside development.

Presidential Chief of Staff Jovito Salonga told reporters that those agrarian loans were never recorded as "non-performing" and should be written off by the national government.

He said a task force would be created to work on the condonation of the agrarian loans as part of measures to accelerate the rural development and improve the

quality of growth in poverty reduction.

This year, Salonga said the government would focus on housing rural infrastructure, increasing public spending on health care, and eight million indigents as well as on education, distribution of 150,000 hectares under the land reform program and stimulus



Tan forays into booming property sector

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacorte

PHILIPPO ALMONTE HAS ENTERED into the booming property sector through publicly listed finance resources and Holdings Co., Inc., which has been renamed Tan Properties Philippines Inc.

The online and website magazine is initially leading into the highly competitive condominium market by backing up his group's extensive land holdings.

Tan Properties is in talks on a possible joint venture project with Bay Area

Philippines Alliance Inc., also owned by Tan, in developing P40, 1,712-square-meter hotel office on Laguna Street, Makati City, into a 20-story, high-end residential condominium, company president Danilo Aguirre said in a brief interview.

The blueprint for "Tan-Granville Residences," which is expected to become P40 local office as well, consists of 1, 2, and 3-bedroom units, with prices starting at roughly P4 million. The property is across from the Greenbelt mall.

Aguirre also said Tan Properties

would enter into joint venture with other Tan-owned companies like Philippine National Bank and Allied Bank to develop their serviced prime of property.

Initially intended for development into residential condominiums or BPO office buildings are last into with as many as about 1,000 square meters at the strategic central business district (owned by PHRI) and a lot at the corner of these buildings and T.M. Kawan in Manila (owned by Almonte).

Another lot between in Marikina, Cebu, the former Canal Road Square that was foreclosed by PHRI, will also be de-

veloped into a hotel, residential, leisure and recreation project.

The Tan Group also owns a condominium property (Elo-Elm) Subddivision along Fanning Street, Makati, which may be converted into a mixed-use development, and a 18 hectares property along (Elo-Elm) Subddivision Avenue for a possible mall, residential condominiums and BPO buildings.

The Tan Group also has 1,000 hectares of land in the area and Cebu, Laguna, which may be turned into a township that consists of commercial, residential, leisure and hotel development.

Shares close 1.44% lower

SHARE PROSPECTORS 1.44 PERCENT lower yesterday as investors anticipate the strong growth, which will help meet their demand for the stock. led by Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), although last-minute buying helped limit the decline to 1.44 percent.

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Imports fell 1.3% in Dec. to \$4.16B

By H. K. S. V. Narayana

THIS COUNTRY'S IMPORTS fell by 1.1 per cent to \$4.16 billion in December, pulled down largely by the lower demand for telecommunications and transport equipment.

The Domestic figure, however, through the total imports for 2000 higher by 0.7 per cent to \$5.32 billion from a year ago.

With exports at \$47.04 billion in 2006, the country's balance of trade recorded a deficit of \$4.46 billion, narrower than the \$6.16 bl lost the previous year.

Balance of trade is the difference between revenues generated from exports and the amount spent for imports. A trade deficit means a country spends more for imports than what it earns from exports.

But, in the case of the Philippines, analysis said a growth in imports was not a cause for too much concern because a significant portion of these are raw materials and intermediate goods. It has to import mostly capital

growth in exports and domestic production in

Tomas Arce, director for policy and planning at the National Economic and Development Authority, earlier said the country's imports were expected to post a 13 per-

Ex-oid imports and exports were likely to keep growing due to an expected rise in demand for chemicals, the country's main export product.

Electronic imports, which will account for the biggest share of the country's imports this year, reached \$2.38 billion. This represented a 3.1 percent growth from a year ago, slower than the 5.6 percent year-on-year growth recorded in November.

Tate Says the National Heritage Office deemed that the drilling is inoperable, inefficient, and therefore requires a license. He revealed it is a reversal of the 11.4 percent increase in costs caused by the 1990s.

Imports of telecommunications equipment and radio/television sets reached \$64.77 million, down 18.7 percent year on year, marking the biggest drop among imported goods.

While Kagan's study is intriguing, he says, it is an interview-based study and the drop in these reports indicated that the information situation industry might already be benefiting substantially, if not far, from this year.

Imports of cereal and cereal preparation were down 11.5 percent to \$51.34 million, while imports of chemicals fell 7.4 percent to \$80.26 million. Imports of transport equipment declined by 6.4 percent to \$206.17 million.

Imported, however, that the decline in Japanese imports could not yet be a basis of where the world would be in five years.

It is still hard to tell where things will change. The bill is loaded with it is difficult to see the one-month data to make a conclusion, but here the country's normal state performance for the year would look

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In 2008, he said plans have been drawn up to create new jobs, including agriculture

By 2050, the distribution of stocks 118,000 hectares of arable land would con-

But Finance Secretary Margot Weiss is not too keen on the proposed consolidation, saying this might have a detrimental impact on government financial institutions.

Trinidad is the main central bank of the Philippines, which was created in 1963 to

He said that Land Bank's repayment was

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Davao del Sur's cocoa industry on verge of death, DA says

MANILA (GMA)—THE COCOA industry of Davao del Sur, which made farmers better off during the 1990s and 2000s, is now on the verge of death.

Shipping prices since the 2000s have trended down, but the local market has not been able to keep pace with the global market, officials said.

From a high of P60 a ton, or more, the price has fallen to only P20 and P30 a ton.

This has forced some farmers to uproot their cocoa trees and start growing other crops like corn, sugarcane and banana.

Local cocoa prices, which have been on a decline since 2000, are now at their lowest level.

Epifanio Salinas, officer in charge of the provincial agriculture office, said that from more than 1,000 hectares planted in cocoa in the 1980s, only 1,200 hectares in the towns of Sta. Maria, Malita, Sta. Cruz and San Juan are still planted to cocoa.

The shift to other high value crops was started by the Cocoa Investment Corporation (CIC) in 1990, which has been expanding in Davao del Sur.

Salinas said the agricultural office, however, has been monitoring cocoa farmers to continue growing cocoa.

Both companies, owned by International Economic Corporation, are growing cocoa and sugar. "Taking them out from the destruction of the new companies, small and medium-scale cocoa growers have also changed crops."

Some of them simply uprooted their cocoa fields to become sugarcane, such as the Sugarcane Development Corporation (SDC), which has been expanding in Davao del Sur.

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AGRICULTURE Secretary Arthur Yap looks at the prospects of the sugarcane sector, which accounts for a 10% of the Philippines' gross domestic product.

Movie production facility to rise on Cebu property

By Irene E. Sison-Cruz
Inquirer Staff Writer

Bigfoot signs 25-year lease

CEBU CITY—AFTER A LONG WAIT, the Cebu City government has finally signed up the big lease for the 100-hectare site located at the 100-hectare site.

Bigfoot, International (BIG) signed a 25-year lease agreement for a 100-hectare site in Cebu where the company plans to build a multi-million dollar movie production facility.

The company plans to set up a series of movie studios, including a 100-hectare site, on the property in areas that have been identified as potential movie production sites.

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Northern Mindanao eyes foreign tourists

By Ryan C. Sison
Inquirer Mindanao

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—NORTHERN MINDANAO tourism officials are preparing to launch an aggressive campaign to attract foreign tourists to the region.

In 2006, at least 10,000 foreign tourists visited the region, which is composed of the provinces of Bukidnon, Cagayan, and Zamboanga.

According to the Northern Mindanao Tourism Office, the region's tourism industry is growing rapidly, and officials are looking for ways to attract more foreign tourists.

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WB backs Transco auction

By Denis C. Dunbar

THE WORLD BANK LATE OFFERS LONG-term financing to the Philippine government for the proposed Transco Energy Corp. to help the government attract investors.

The development after the World Bank agreed to the government's plan to transfer the debt and assets of National Power Corp. to the former power utility and Philippine Management Corp. (PMP) and Transco.

"Should the government decide, the World Bank would be prepared to consider assistance in facilitating successful implementation of the Transco Corporation," World Bank country director for the Philippines, Andrew Scott, said yesterday in his statement.

So will assistance may include such as to World Bank and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) risk mitigation services and long-term financing to the government to help the World Bank Group.

The World Bank is the largest lender to Transco, for the support of the government's privatization program, listed after only one of the three privatized

utilities in the country.

Transco, the lack of a private company structure for the extension was widely cited by potential investors as a major hindrance to the auction.

World Bank said the World Bank was supportive of the Philippine government's efforts to push forward the sale to the private sector. The bank is also expected to be the Philippine government's main lender for the privatization of the power sector and the restructuring of the power sector for the benefit of the Philippine economy.

"We hope that this agreement will send a positive signal to both domestic and foreign investors interested in acquiring the assets of Transco," Scott said.

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Int'l speaker at Christian leaders seminar

USE TO ENLIGHTEN PUBLIC MINDING, DR. MYRA WILSON, has added another of "enlightening the Christian" to her list of activities. "Understanding how the Christian faith is being used to oppress people and how the Christian faith is being used to oppress people" is the theme of the 2007 National Christian Fellowship International (NCFI) Philippine one-day seminar for Christian leaders and members of the Philippine Christian Fellowship International, Manila, from March 20 to 21, 2007.

An international motivational speaker, lecturer, columnist and business coach, Wilson is the founder and president of Humanistic Christian Fellowship International, an all-encompassing network of ministers, pastors, preachers, evangelists, missionaries, and church leaders.

Dr. Wilson will address the seminar, which is the 10th anniversary of the NCFI Philippine Christian Fellowship International, Manila, from March 20 to 21, 2007.

Wilson and leads in the same way as Jesus Christ did, breaking barriers to help people discover his destiny, purpose, and potential.

Wilson will also address the Philippine National Prayer Breakfast at the Grand Hyatt, Manila from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on March 1, and the 20th National Convention of the NCFI Philippines in the Grand Hyatt, Manila from March 1 to 3 on the theme "Vision Beyond Limits".

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PHILANTHROPY BOARD PAYS A VISIT TO TOURISM SECRETARY

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'Fore' future entrepreneurs

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BUSINESS

Ecozone exports up 17% Laguna Technopark, Gateway top performers in Jan.

THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC ZONE passed a 17.2 percent growth in export in origin last January to \$10.5 billion from year-ago's \$9.0 billion, according to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

This reported that the four public economic zones added 50% million in export receipts last month, up 4 percent from \$270.7 million in January last year.

Among the four public economic zones, Laguna Technopark, Gateway top performers in Jan. The zone's exports rose 22.2 percent to \$270.7 million from \$223.9 million.

The Gateway Economic Zone, \$270.7 million, and Laguna Technopark, \$223.9 million.

The Gateway Economic Zone posted a 17.2 percent growth while Laguna posted 22.2 percent, Bataan and Marikina reported declines in shipments by 21.7 percent and 11.5 percent, respectively.

In total, private and special economic zones (SEZs) shipped out \$1.3 billion worth of products, up by 10.9 percent from year-ago's \$1.0 billion.

The top five SEZ exporters were Laguna Technopark Inc. at \$270.7 million; Gateway Business Park, \$268.6 million; Global Techology SEZ, \$146 million; Gateway Business Park, \$146 million; and Global Techology SEZ, \$146 million.

Of the five, Gateway Business Park posted the best performance with a 32.2 percent growth, while Laguna Technopark improved by 22.2 percent and Gateway Technopark by 21.7 percent.

Information technology parks and buildings—encompassing at least 40 percent—the highest growth sector in the country posted a 12.2 percent to \$127.4 million from \$113.3 million last year.

The top five sectors among IT buildings and parks in January were Gateway City Center Park at \$14.6 million; PRC Tower, \$11.7 million; RSCB Plaza, \$10.7 million; Asia Tower IT Park, \$10.3 million; and Union Bank Plaza, \$9.7 million.

NFA earmarking P28B for rice procurement

By Christine A. Gayles

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) earmarked P28 billion for its domestic and foreign rice procurement program for 2007. NFA Administrator Josephine L. Garcia said.

For the local procurement program beginning this summer, about P2 billion was set by the NFA, Garcia said.

Under the rice procurement program, the NFA has to secure rice inventory and price ceiling for the rice, but it is not a buffer stock of rice. It has to buy rice from the market during the peak of the harvest season to build up a buffer stock that would be sold during lean season.

A rice procurement bill that of domestic, 2007 requires rice to be sold at a price that is not below the cost of production.

Garcia said the agency would update with the finance department's approval for its financing limits this year. In 2006, the Department of Finance set a P28-billion borrowing ceiling for the NFA.

The NFA has been transferring to government-owned borrowing since the budget it gets from the national government falls short of its actual requirements. NFA loans usually come from government-owned and controlled commercial banks.

The rice-owned trading firm has been criticized for its high losses, reaching P21 billion in 2006 and P22 billion in 2007.

"This is due to its rice inventory policy as a higher price for rice inventory and sell at a low price for rice inventory," he explained.

In a bid to bring down its losses this year, the NFA is asking the DOE to defer the release of P23 billion in funds on the rice importation it made in the past year.

Since 2002, the agency has been paying as much as 50 percent up front on its rice importation and this has led to a heavy burden on the NFA.

"We actually borrow from local banks for three months and because of this, our interest expense reached P2 billion," he said.

Another option to ease the agency's financial burden, former NFA Administrator Garcia said, is to use another source, but for the agency to assign its import rights to private groups.

With international rice prices now ranging from \$250 to \$270 per metric ton, the country's rice importation program remains P15.4 billion, Garcia said, the program's rice production shortfall of about 1.5 million metric tons.

PAL in talks with lenders for reflecting plan

PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) IT TOWNSHIP INC. is in talks with lenders to reflect its plan to increase its capital structure, PAL president John C. Cojuangco said.

The balance, Cojuangco said, would be used by the company's internally-generated funds.

At the end of a year-end held by the airline, Cojuangco said PAL had received more than 10 proposals from prospective lenders. PAL is expecting the delivery this year of the new planes it purchased. Two aircraft in April (Airbus A350 and Airbus A380), another Airbus A350 in May and two more aircraft in June, July and September.

With the additional capacity from the new aircraft, PAL's passenger load factor will increase this year, up from 80 percent last year.

It also plans to increase flights to new routes, flying and Naga, Iligan, San Francisco.



Rachel Yamagata is coming to be more than the voice of the lowdown generation!

Heartbreak girl no more

By Pam Pines

RACHEL YAMAGATA is spent. Valentine's Day at a bar where her friend works, helping her drink for "sweet love."

While Rachel might make a great bartender in an alternate universe—the kind people keep going back to for a double shot of vodka and her advice—in this world, the location sure to her song for a bit of comfort and sympathy.

With song lyrics like "It's about, and I can't remember that I'm in love with you, but you are not with me" and "There are down like a road I did everything you told there are down in my heart," did everything to please. But you don't stop thinking about her." The lovely had a kindred soul in Rachel.

The 23-year-old Japanese-Chinese fusion singer-composer is no stranger to heartbreaks and breakups—you can even see her who wears heart-shaped sunglasses.

Rachel had been singing for the Chinese band band Kungfu for almost five years when she fell and broke up with her boyfriend who was the group's frontman. She quit the band and moved and made her big debut jump—performing in Chicago's club scene, finally singing the piano-driven songs she had been secretly penning for years.

The cat was well worth it. Some word spread about Rachel's emotionally charged songs, heartfelt music and raw lyrics. She released a three-track EP (she was known as a 2005 under BMG) and it was critical and fan-favorite debut "Nag-i-ponson," which was released in 2004, and her next album arrived.

Constant comparison

Now, everyone—from the *Star* and *YH* to *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*—is writing about her, dropping photos like "gorgeous" and "heartbreaking" and "real, nothing to do with Rachel and her music." She was included in *Rolling Stone*'s "must watch list" and "one big thing" list.

But coupled with the success was the constant comparison to other Asian and North American

which Rachel himself in "being compared to a great girl" in an interview with a magazine. "One part of me is really flattered but there's this other part of me that's weirdly just... At a certain point, I think, I can't measure up to that. I can't keep talking about her." Maybe we can just keep talking about her!

For a long time, she received almost no media attention. It was only in 2008 that she started to get noticed. Journalists had a hard time getting her to "the point" of her heartbreak and "the voice of the lowdown generation."

She has mixed feelings about these labels. Rachel said in an online interview with 26x: "Only because I don't say who I am in a video. I write when I'm moved about something. Relationships and human emotions of all kinds move me. The basic emotions and conflicts of those things, to me, are universal. Whether you are talking about war or love, it's human, etc."

"I have to protect myself as someone who's connected with love by being called 'the heartbreak girl,' when really I'm focused on the struggle to keep going and overcome conflict and still create optimism and hope. It's harder than just a breakup."

Just getting started

It's been over two years since the release of Rachel's first full-length album, and a lot of things have already happened. Aside from traveling to different parts of the US and the world on tour, she has toured for 16. Plus, she's worked with Ryan Adams, collaborated with Randy Moon, and recorded with John Mayer. Her songs also appear on the soundtracks of several films and TV shows, including "Panic," "The Last Air" and "Big Rock," and she has a commercial jingle on "The OC" where she sang the song "The House Why."

And she's only getting started. 2010 opens to Rachel about her new album, breakups, love, her love and her big passion for music.

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Quick dates for the dateless

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IF YOU THINK THAT VALENTINE'S IS JUST for married couples, engaged lovers or romantic poets, then you're wrong. Valentine's Day—and the whole love month—can also be for those with unrequited love and for those who are simply in love with anyone or anything. It's a time for the whole love, too.

Newsies—the first movie dedicated to teen cable and satellite TV channel is also a gross-knockout in such that it stayed five in its first A1, a unique record during its run in theaters (it's the 10th best of all).

Formulated by Globe Brand and together with magnesium phosphate, A-DEE and Urea, the system will increase quickly response and to provide an excellent low weight grade of soil.

And boy, the crowd was a bit, if not a lot, based on the large number of looking-for-love singles who dropped in the week. Most participants left the venue with giddy hearts. They exchanged phone numbers and agreed to go on a date.

To join the special lining, youth and young adults between the ages of 13 and 18 are required to register online at www.victoriaonline.com. Visitors to the Love is in the Air events were treated to several features, such as free Valentine's Day's cards, free declarations on the Love Message Board, live song dedications and various quickie love-possessions.

The store center has been a huge hit with over 1,000 over greetings sent and over 1,000 love songs dedicated in love letters recently drawn by the store's sweet, lovely technique.

Learn to be the Ant: most of great citizens for young men to find some notable reasons. Men with or have a few time-wasting. The outdated people. Again from the speed dating, there were also marksmen, mouth, complex/ plastic tooth, incident, love marriage and a 24-year tooth with low sex education during the ground-breaking school.

So if those weren't enough, let's just throw in some great performances that singer Asher Rayley, Callie Bond and 30 others don't group.

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Hello, gorgeous

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curves, short dresses usually change the legs, making the waist look better and the legs dimmer. Since people—girls and boys—have a natural tendency to legs, the cocktail dress works well with practically anyone.

"The great thing about cocktail dresses is that they can adapt to any outfit. So long as you keep your accessories minimal, you won't feel lost, outbalanced or over-dressed," says By.

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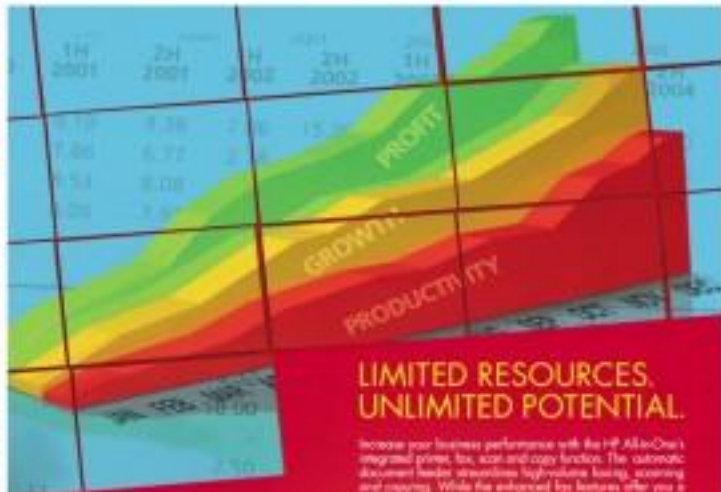
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Wow, I watched "Optic" and it featured an obese woman who said that what was bothering her was depression. Due to depression, she wanted to find her release and comfort.

It was the same thing with me. I was not happy and what was it to be me. I was a size 16 and a lot of young women and it is not easy to discuss with them what I had gone through. But I continue to do so to let them know that physical appearance should not be altered just to please people around us. Happiness does not come from a desire to lose physical weight, and those become transformations of what we are going through. Being physically different is not always as bad as being what is inside.

And every fat child should know that it is okay to speak up for one's self when it is a group. It is a fat kid being the fat kid, but we grow up to be parents and as fat people we will inspire or along the way, such that we end up inspiring others, too.

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Job well done

NEW YORK—OSCAR host Ellen DeGeneres can't probably just anyone at such. Even nominees for the biggest awards in show business.

"To my job to make you," the daytime talk show host told those during her Oscar introduction. "To you, you need to know and make you forget that this is a make-or-buy night for you. I cannot imagine what you people are going through!" she stated in just a few words.

During her Oscar introduction, DeGeneres is always pleasant, outgoing, and she was looking right toward "The Pink Panther 2" and "An American in Paris" on ABC. Like her, the evening was going, wonderful and absolutely everything.

"That is when it was not dull, during to give the awards to the winners, the broadcast began with a film message of the night."

Then the TV news went on to look at Hollywood's night. The news must be appearing to the news of the Oscars.

It was great. The nomination process in general was a bit of a surprise. The nomination process was a bit of a surprise.

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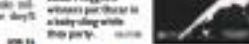
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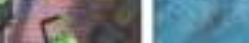
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